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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Ms. Lara Nichols, Assistant General Counsel Law Department Duke Power, PB05E P O Box 1244 Charlotte, North Carolina 28201-1244

IN RE: DOCKET NO. 2004-3-E - DUKE POWER - ANNUAL REVIEW OF BASE RATES FOR FUEL COSTS.

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Hearing concerning the above-captioned Docket. In order to proceed with the processing of this matter, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

- 1. Publish at your own expense, on or before February 13, 2004 the enclosed Notice of Hearing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas, and provide the undersigned Proof of Publication on or before February 27, 2004.
- 2. Furnish at your own expense, on or before February 13, 2004 by U.S. Mail, the enclosed Notice of Hearing to each customer and provide a certification on or before February 27, 2004 that this notification has been furnished.

In the meantime, if you should require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,

BRUCE F. DUKE
Deputy Executive Director

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